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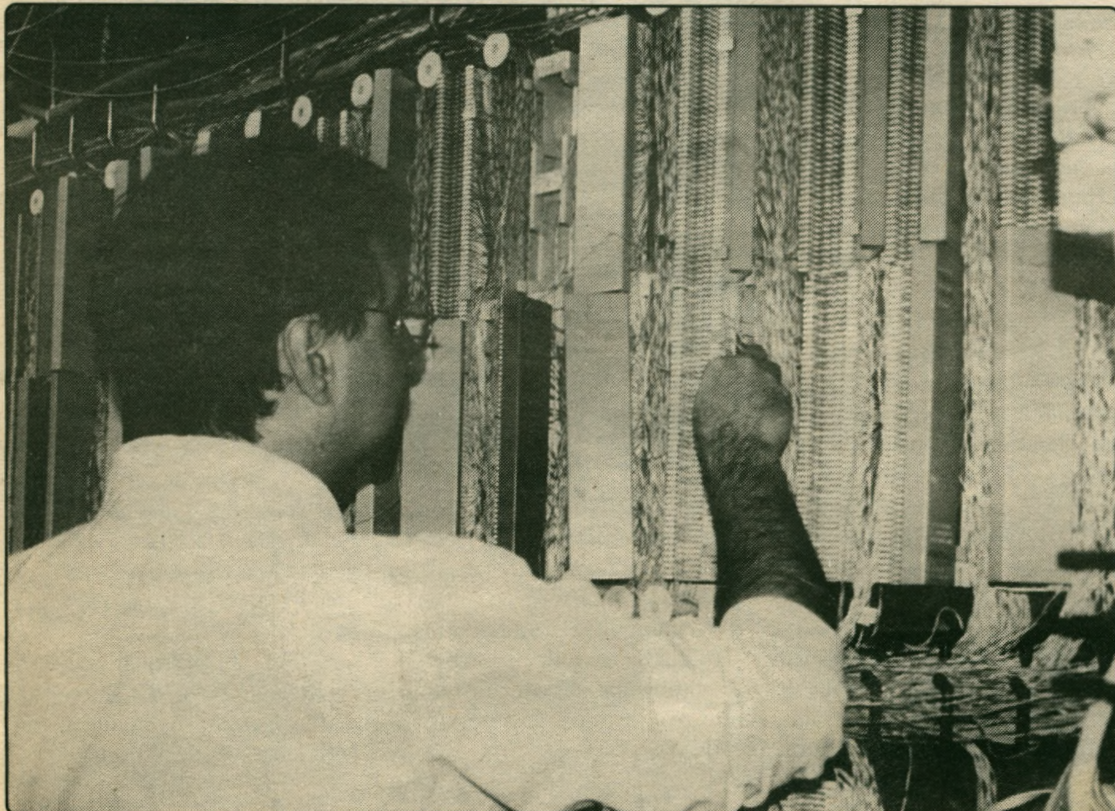


Photo by Kerrie Darress

A Telecom worker tries to fix some of the trouble with the phone lines that have been plaguing SHU.

By Tara S. Deenihan  
Associate Editor

Students experiencing problems with their phone service can expect improvements in the coming weeks, according to University Telecommunications Director George Kyrytschenko.

Resident students have had difficulties making or receiving off-campus calls during busy hours.

"There were four problems," said Kyrytschenko. "We are down to two right now."

The causes for the blockage of incoming and outgoing phone calls are both internal and external, according to Kyrytschenko.

One of the largest problems was caused by the SNET employee strike, since circuits owned by the company were locked or in disrepair. The University had difficulties fixing the circuits because of the lack of available SNET staff.

Another circuit owned by

MCI malfunctioned restricting long distance service. The defunct circuit has since been repaired.

A major source of the blockage within the campus network is a drastic increase in use.

"The lines have been exceeded by 400 percent," said Kyrytschenko. The system now averages 8,000 minutes of use per night, in comparison to 2,000 minutes per night last year.

In order to correct this problem, Telecommunications has purchased a new switch to accommodate the calls. The new switch will have a capacity of 5,000 users, over double the capacity of the current switch which the school has had since 1980. This will also allow for further growth as the switch is expandable to 50,000 users.

Kyrytschenko said, "The switch takes three months to in-

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## Higher standards make Class of 2002 smartest

By Brian Corasaniti  
News Editor

With Sacred Heart rapidly growing, the University is setting higher standards for prospective students.

Last year, a record number 3,190 students applied to Sacred Heart, of which 2,634 were ac-

cepted and 716 enrolled.

"More students applied, which allowed us to become stronger in our admissions standards," said Karen Guastelle, dean of undergraduate admissions. "Over a three year progression, the quality of the class has increased. That makes the University stronger, which makes the degrees stronger."

This year's freshman class had an average GPA of 3.2, ranked in the top 28th percentile of their class and had an average SAT score of 1028.

That is higher than last year's average GPA of 3.1 and 2.9 of two years ago. Class percentiles were the same as last year, but higher than the freshman from two years ago, who ranked in the 32nd per-

centile of their class.

SAT averages were also the same as last year, but higher than an average of 1012 of two years ago.

According to Guastelle, Admissions is looking for a prospective student who has followed a college preparatory course throughout high school, has a solid B average, ranked in the top 30

percentile in his or her classes and has an SAT score of 1050 or better. She added that they have been on target with that profile over the last two years.

The size of this year's class was also due to the low rate of acceptance denials. Guastelle said

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## Public Safety stepping up efforts this year

By Elizabeth Hyer  
Assistant News Editor

Due to a slight budget increase over last year, Public Safety has been able to add new measures to increase the overall safety of students.

Public Safety is at full staff this semester with the addition of one new position which was taken away last year due to budget difficulties.

Prior to the opening of the fall semester, all officers underwent full training to help avoid any confusion or problems during the semester. Overtime has also been made available to allow for more campus coverage.

"I think we have made tremendous progress this year compared to last year," said Larry Wielk, dean of students. "Public Safety is more visible, although the visibility will help deter most crime on campus, there is still a possibility that an incident may occur."

To help increase the safety at Taft Commons and Parkridge, a Nissan Sentra was purchased to be

used as a residence hall patrol car. An additional officer has been made available to patrol Parkridge to allow for simultaneous coverage of Geduldig St. and the Jewish Community Center.

According to Wielk, some of

the changes for the residence halls have taken place because of the safety committee that was started last year to help deal with the crime that was taking place.

"The safety committee from last year definitely helped prompt

some of the changes. We listened to the students concerns and tried to deal with them to the best of our abilities and resources" added

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Photo by Brian Corasaniti

Public Safety Officer Doug Mescavage stands by Public Safety's new Nissan Sentra.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### English Club looking for new members

The English Club is looking for English majors or minors and anyone else interested in writing and reading to join their club. Meetings are in HC-102 at 5 p.m.

### Astronaut to visit SHU's Stamford campus

NASA Astronaut Ronald M. Sega will be speaking at the Stamford campus of Sacred Heart University on Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Sega, currently the Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Colorado, will speak about the over 199 hours he logged in space as well as other aeronautical concepts.

Sega has been a NASA Astronaut since 1991 and worked greatly with the first joint US-Russian space mission. He also spent five months on the Russian space station Mir.

Sega will also visit the main campus around 2 p.m. on Wed. to meet with students interested in space or science. Sega will also be available to talk and meet at a reception following the Stamford presentation.

### Date and place set for Christmas semi-formal

The Christmas semi-formal has been scheduled for Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford.

The event, sponsored by the class of 2000 was previously held at Sante's Manor, but has been moved to the Sheraton, following a major renovation over the summer.

Class leaders are also considering changing the format of the dinner to a buffet or just hors d'oeuvres instead of a sit down dinner.

A new DJ is also being searched for to fit this year's theme of "Rockin' around the Christmas tree."

For more information, stop by the Student Activities office.

### Graduation applications due in next month

Any graduate of undergraduate student who will finish his or her degree requirement in Dec. 98, May 99 or summer 99 need to submit an application for graduation by Oct. 15.

Students who do not submit an application will have to wait until the following semester to graduate. For more information, call Valerie in the Registrar's office at extension 7899.

### Elder Care Symposium coming to SHU

Sacred Heart's first ever Elder Care Symposium will be held on Oct. 3.

The day long workshop entitled, "Building Effective Interdisciplinary Teams in the Classroom and Clinic," is sponsored by the University's Elders 2000 program.

For registration fees and other information, call Michelle Lusardi at extension 4721.

-Compiled by Brian Corasaniti

## Wanted: Academic Affairs VP

By Brian Corasaniti  
News Editor

With the departure of Dr. David Harnett, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, to Marquette University, Dr. Thomas Forget is filling in as interim vice president of Academic Affairs.

Forget, who normally works as the executive assistant to Sacred Heart University President Dr. Anthony Cernera, was serving as interim vice president for Institutional Advancement, a position recently filled by Luke Doyle.

After Forget briefly returned to his regular post, Harnett announced his resignation and Cernera asked Forget to fill in on an interim basis.

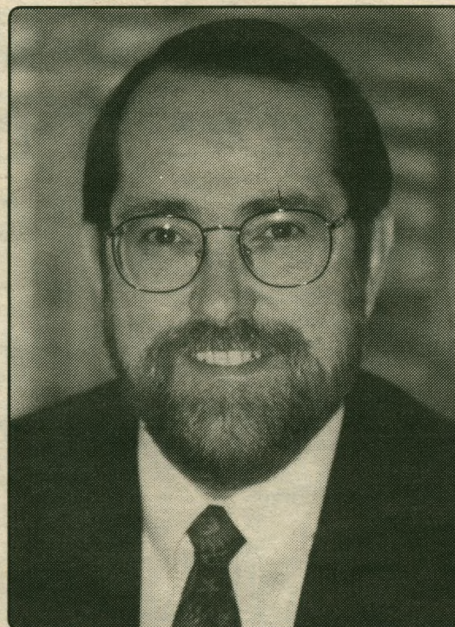
"When Dr. Cernera informed me that was the case, he asked me to step in," said Forget.

In the time being, Forget said he will essentially serve as, "The chief academic officer responsible for curriculum and faculty."

Forget does anticipate return-

ing to his regular job when a replacement is found.

"I expect to return to the of-



Dr. Thomas Forget

fice of the President. Dr. Cernera has begun to actively speak to people, drawing from members of the community," said Forget.

But for the time being, Forget is putting his efforts into his interim role in the Academic Affairs office.

In a speech at the beginning of the semester, Forget outlined three important areas of the Academic Affairs office to work on.

First, he stressed a continued discussion of the core curriculum, specifically to make sure students get the most of their core courses at Sacred Heart.

Program review and outcome assessment learning was the second topic of the speech. Forget said he wants to "examine the learning-teaching dynamic from the outcome side. What it is we expect a student to learn in a particular course."

Finally, Forget stressed the continued development of the four colleges in the University.

So far, Forget has enjoyed his position in Academic Affairs.

"It is delightful, I am having a great time. The faculty and deans have been very generous in assisting me with these goals that I have outlined," he said.

"For me personally, it is a privilege to be on the active side of the learning dynamic in this community," added Forget.

## Encounter builds spiritual growth

By Emily M. Houlihan  
Contributing Writer

Thirty-five Sacred Heart University students will be attending the Encounter going from Sept. 24-27. This spirit-filled retreat will take place at the All Saints Conference Center in Lakeside.

"The Encounter allows students to put things into perspective," said Jennifer Kasubinski, a senior from Monroe Township, N.J. She went on to say that it is hard to explain the emotion and the spiritual renewal one receives when going on such a retreat.

Rev. Michael McLernon, director of pastoral ministry, explained that the Encounter is not a secret society, but rather a community of friends sharing an intense faith that is open to all. "It is a deeply personal and significant experience."

"The Encounter retreat is so important simply because my personal growth grew as did my faith in other people," said Julie Torpey, head of the retreat.

Torpey added that the friendships that developed at Encounter are stronger because Christ is the bond.

"It changed me as a person. It

made me appreciate my faith more. There are no words to explain Encounter, you just have to experience it," said Jillian Lefort, a senior from Burrillville, R.I.

The next Encounter will be in April. A student must find a candidate that has made the Encounter to sponsor them. Any questions should be asked to Julie Torpey and Michelle Fobert, who head the Encounter. The encounter retreat is accepting 45 candidates.

"To go somewhere and see so much is an awesome experience, especially in today's society," said McLernon.

## Admissions: Setting higher academic standards for prospective SHU students

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an unexpected number of freshman chose to attend Sacred Heart University after they were accepted.

"Nothing in our history documents that more students would have accepted our offer of admission," said Guastelle. "Retention has improved, more students have decided to stay."

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# Institutional Advancement split

By Julie Ann Nevero  
Editor-in-Chief

The Sacred Heart University office of Institutional Advancement has been split following the hiring of two new vice presidents. The office once consisting of a single person overseeing both the public relations and fundraising departments has now been divided, with vice presidents in charge of each area.

Luke Doyle has been named vice president of Institutional Advancement, filling the void left last semester by Dr. Jim Lyddy, and is responsible for raising money for University's various needs. Elinor Biggs, SHU's first ever vice president of University Relations works on consulting and the production of resources.

"We focus on how to raise money and what to raise money for," said Doyle. "\$1,253,000 is our unrestricted goal. We also raise additional money for restricted use like for the colleges, faculty support and lab renovations."

"My goal is to increase the awareness of the accountability of the University," said Biggs. "I want people in the surrounding county and eventually the state to understand the changes the University is going through."

According to University President Dr. Anthony J. Cernera,

the decision to split the office was something he had been contemplating over the last five years.

"We were fortunate in that when we were thinking about it, we had the opportunity to do it,"

said Cernera. "It's something that needed the attention of two people."

"Public Relations and fundraising are so important and that is the reason we kept them together, but we wanted to create two divisions that would report directly to the president," he added.

Biggs sat on Sacred Heart's Board of Regents and was familiar with the University and its people.

"It was very helpful during the interviewing process because I knew my way around and had already met the cabinet members," she said.

Doyle hailed from Tulsa, O.K. and drove 25 hours in pursuit of the "good opportunity for career advancement" he felt the position would offer him.

Doyle and Biggs both expressed that the opportunity to work for Cernera played a large part in their decision to come to SHU.

"One thing that is very important in my

job is that I have to believe in the place where I work and have to share the same values," said Biggs. "It made the decision easy knowing I would be working for Cernera and the cabinet."

"I liked the place and the people," said Doyle. "Dr. Cernera was the biggest part of that. I was impressed with how he managed the place during the past decade."

Cernera considers it a "great blessing" to have the two of them and couldn't be happier with his decision.

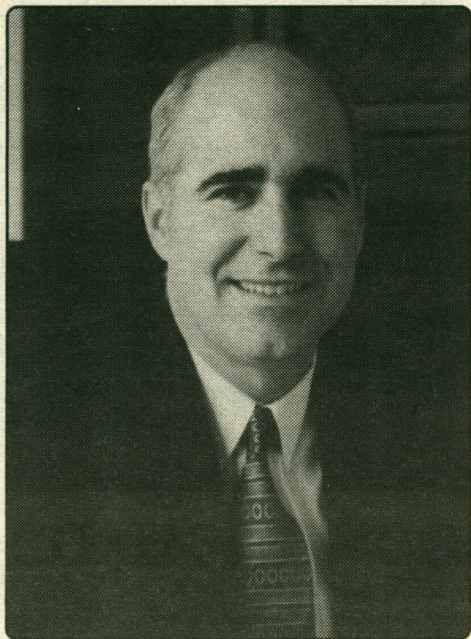
"They're both off to a great start and have quickly become parts of the community," said Cernera.

Doyle and Biggs both agree that one of the main drawbacks of the position is that it doesn't allow them to meet many students because their offices are located off-campus.

"Sacred Heart University is its students," said Doyle. "They are the product. We have to be with them and know them."

"The end product is the students," said Biggs.

"It's not ideal (being off-campus) but I know first hand what the space demands are. We just have to work harder to get over here," she added.



Luke Doyle



Elinor Biggs

## Telecom: Phone line problems persist

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stall — we're going to install it in 15 days."

Students living in South and West Halls have a variety of problems. Some have no internet access, others can call on-campus but not off-campus, others cannot receive incoming calls.

"It's not the school's fault. You can't blame the school because SNET didn't want to fix it because they're on strike," said Keith Zdrojowy, a freshman from East Hartford.

"Basically, I think it is an inconvenience to everyone in the school," said Michelle Barretta, a freshman from Floral Park, N.Y. "We didn't get our phone numbers until we got here, and now they don't work."

Students living at Avalon Gates can receive calls, but are unable to call on or off-campus numbers.

"They should have anticipated the increase in students and compensated for the problem, but like everything else at this school, they wait until after the fact," said Joe

Marrone, a senior from Wallingford.

Kyrytschenko says students can expect an improvement within the next few weeks. The new switch and additional circuits are expected to alleviate the pressure on the system.

The phone system is also being redesigned to avoid future problems. The new system will transfer calls from busy circuits to less crowded ones, distributing the flow of calls more evenly.

"The switchover should be seamless," said Kyrytschenko. "There should be no downtime."

## Safety: Sacred Heart working to curb all car thefts on-campus this year

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Wielk.

NESS officers are still located in South and West Halls, along with Taft Commons.

An additional officer has been hired to patrol the outside rear of South and West Halls.

The new guard will be working with another NESS guard patrolling the golf course to help ensure safety and to make sure students stay off the golf course at night.

"I definitely feel safer this year," said Trisha Moore, a junior from Lindenhurst, N.Y.

"There are more officers out which will hopefully end the car

thefts," she added.

So far this semester, there has been a decrease in automobile damage and thefts.

"We are really getting out there with the bikes and vehicles, as well as foot patrol to saturate the area," said Bill O'Connell, director of Public Safety.

"We are really working hard to not have any vehicle theft this

## PUBLIC SAFETY RELEASES

### Public Safety Releases from Sept. 13 - Sept. 19

**Sept. 13: 2:40 a.m.-** Officers assisted Res. Life staff at J-Hill with alcohol and noise violations.

**4:10 a.m.-** Officers responded to the front of South Hall to break up an argument; parties sent on their way.

**4:40 p.m.-** Received bookstore alarm; Fairfield Police, Public Safety and bookstore manager responded; no problem found.

**8:30 p.m.-** South Hall resident reported a student was injured; Officer responded; student declined treatment or transportation.

**Sept. 14: 2:40 a.m.-** South Hall fire alarm received; Fairfield Fire Dept. responded. Cause was burnt food.

**8:05 a.m.-** Report of an ill student in South Hall; Officer responded. Officer reported ill student declined treatment or transportation.

**8:55 a.m.-** Above ill student was feeling worse; 911 called. Student was transported via ambulance to hospital.

**Sept. 15: 3:22 a.m.-** Cleaners in the HC wing reported someone outside just threw something at a window and broke it.

**8:40 a.m.-** Staff member reported a vehicle vandalized in the North Lot between Sat. and Sun.

**7:20 p.m.-** South Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls from an ex-boyfriend; Officer investigating.

**7:37 p.m.-** Two cheerleaders received minor injuries during practice; Athletic trainers provided treatment.

**11:23 p.m.-** Concerned parent called about their ill son; Officer located him and had him call home.

**Sept. 16: 1:00 a.m.-** Two J. Hill students were questioned about some vandalism found outside of Curtis Hall.

**2:19 a.m.-** Vandalism reported at West Hall, including graffiti written on walls, and a can of paint dumped outside on the front sidewalk and roadway.

**5:20 a.m.-** Officer observed two students vandalizing property in front of West Hall.

**2:00 p.m.-** South Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls; Officer investigating.

**7:13 p.m.-** Officer treated an injured student at the Public Safety Office.

**7:53 p.m.-** South Hall resident reported someone ripped the window screen from his window.

**9:22 p.m.-** While providing a student with a motor vehicle jumpstart in the South Lot, the dead battery in the student's vehicle exploded, injuring two Public Safety Officers. 911 was called. Fairfield Fire Department, Police and AMR Ambulance responded. The Fire Dept. hosed off the battery acid from the officers. Both officers were transported via ambulance to the hospital. One officer received burns to one of his eyes.

**9:51 p.m.-** West Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls; Officer investigated.

**Sept. 17: 3:21 a.m.-** South Hall resident reported someone vandalized their room.

**5:14 a.m.-** South Hall resident reported ill in the bathroom. Condition worsened, 911 was called. Student was transported via ambulance to the hospital.

**11:41 p.m.-** West Hall fire alarm received; Officers responded. No cause for violated detector found.

**Sept. 18: 1:25 a.m.-** Officer assisted a South Hall ill student.

**2:14 a.m.-** Officer observed a drunk and disorderly student near South Hall. Officer determined the student was in violation of the Dean's sanction. Student removed from campus; matter referred to the Dean.

**12:48 p.m.-** Faculty member reported a male/female dispute near the Faculty/Staff lot. Responding Officer reported the vehicle left campus just prior to his arrival.

**7:08 p.m.-** Officers assisted injured South Hall student; no additional treatment requested.

**Sept. 19: 1:03 a.m.-** Resident student reported the theft of fog lamps from his vehicle; unknown if theft occurred on or off campus.

**2:32 a.m.-** Officers assisted Res. Life staff in removing unwanted visitors from South Hall.

**2:37 a.m.-** Public Safety received a complaint that students at J. Hill were creating a disturbance; Officer responded and resolved the problem.

**7:10 p.m.-** J. Hill student reported property may have been stolen from his room.

**8:04 p.m.-** West Hall fire alarm received; no problem found.

year," he added.

Other plans in the works for the possible future include selective enforcement.

This would take place during the evening shift where all entrances would be blocked off with a check point located at the main entrance. The main purpose of this plan would be to make sure that only Sacred Heart

University students are entering the campus.

All non-students would be asked to leave campus and anyone who appears to be intoxicated may be turned over to the police department.

"This will not be done on a regular basis," said O'Connell "but at some point this plan will be enforced."



## EDITORIALS

### Telecom crash causing many headaches

Recent problems involving the phone lines and data jacks have the University community in an uproar. Since the start of the academic year, we have only had access to open phone lines and data jacks during certain times of the day.

For the average person this is merely an inconvenience. For those of us who have to run offices, or a University for that matter, it is unacceptable.

It has been said that problems with SNET and MCI are causing the headaches and SHU is reportedly re-doing the whole system so circuits won't get overloaded. Couldn't this have been done before we all returned to the University?

Pointing fingers at others does not solve problems, it adds to them. We have been told that problems will cease within the next two weeks. We can only hope, for sanity's sake, that they will.

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## Letters

### CANCELED CLASS UPSETS ENGLISH MAJORS

To the Editor:

This year I, along with seven other students, was registered to take EN 390, Literary Studies in Critical Analysis. It is not a required course for English majors, but it is an English elective and English majors are required to take a certain number of electives under the English category. There were seven students signed up for the class and the school needs at least ten to hold a class. So, they kept it open for a while hoping that other students would join the class at the last minute. No one did.

About two weeks before school started, we all got calls from the Registrar's telling us that the class had been canceled and we would have to sign up for another class upon returning to the University. Two days later, we got another call telling us not to worry because we were now signed up to take the same class as an independent study.

Our first day of class was scheduled for Thursday Sept. 10. When we showed up in the classroom, we were informed that the class had again been canceled and would not be offered as an independent study.

Dr. DiPace, the professor of the class, was ready and willing to teach the class. She received a call the same time that we did telling her it would be taught as an independent study and had a syllabus already made up.

We went to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Claire Paolini, and asked why the class was canceled a second time. She was unaware that we were to have an independent study and told us to speak with the Chair of the Language, Literature and Media Studies Office, Dr. David Curtis. We left him a note telling the situation and asking what the deal was. We were also told to talk to Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Tom Forget, but his secretary suggested that we should resolve the issue between Curtis and Paolini. Later we received a call from Curtis saying that the class was lost and he would help us transfer to another class.

I just want to know why the University can decide to just not have a class? The professor was more than willing to teach us and the students were willing to take the class and do the work. I was really looking forward to this class, as were the rest of the students. I just don't see why it was canceled and why we were never given an explanation.

Amber Schaper

### THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK

To the Editor:

Alcohol seems to be the magic word on college campuses all across the country. Binge drinking has been on the rise since most college kids drink to get drunk.

The unlimited freedom that college provides often creates problems for many students, especially the problem drinkers. Some students drink to relieve stress and the pressures of school, others drink to fit in, and still others drink to have a good time with friends. Students need to realize that alcohol consumption has its consequences. Drinking responsibly not only helps you avoid liver disease, it also saves you from public embarrassment when drunk.

If students do plan on drinking, they need to make sure that they are prepared to accept responsibility for their actions, as well as, any consequences that may take place.

Aristide Kabore

## Releasing Clinton's grand jury testimony is going too far

So, the video of Clinton's four hour grand jury testimony and a transcript of former White House intern Monica Lewinski's testimony were released Monday. I hope Americans are happy. People have been asking for this tape for weeks and finally got what they wanted.

The video was aired in its entirety on four cable news networks, excerpts were aired on the non-cable networks and on various news sites on the internet. Prior to its release, the public could only read about the Aug. 19 testimony.

Is it just me or has this issue gotten a bit out of hand? The media has been drooling over the story since it first broke almost nine months ago. Do we need to be reminded of it everyday? Do we need to see it in every news-

cast, newspaper and on every website? I haven't seen this kind of media frenzy since the O.J. Simpson trial.

Did the American public really need to see this video tape?

I think the tape is nothing short of embarrassing for the president and maybe that was the purpose of its release. People already have their opinions about the situation and this just adds more fuel to the fire.

After seeing the tape, I must admit that he did successfully dodge the questions dealing with the specifics of the "relationship." But is a box of chocolate covered cherries a matter of national security? Some of the questions asked of Clinton were completely irrelevant and did nothing but further embarrass him.

Clinton admitted to "embarrassing, inappropriate intimate contact" with Monica Lewinski. He testified on tape with hopes of it not being released, but knew there was a possibility that it would. We have become so obsessed with the one big thing he

has done wrong, that we have forgotten about all the good that he has done for this country.

For five and a half years, Clinton has served as president and according to his own closing statement has done his best to "do the job that the American people appointed me."

Few politicians are without scandal, but these are probably the most damaging allegations that any commander and chief will ever have to answer to.

Last Thursday, my mother attended one of the president's stops during his visit to Boston. Honest to God. She listened to his speech, ate dinner with him, spoke to him. (One of her dear friends works for congressman Joe Moakley and was fortunate enough to attend the \$10,000 dinner for free).

When she told me Sunday about her experience, I couldn't believe it. I immediately asked what she said to him. She said she told him that it was an honor to meet him, that he was doing a great job and to hang in there. The

president thanked her for her kind words and posed for a picture. I told her I would've said the same thing.

I think releasing the videotape was completely unnecessary. I don't think the public needed to see it. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe next week, my office will be flooded with letters telling me how wrong I am. But it is my belief that Clinton is doing the job he was hired to do. And he's doing it well.

Up until nine months ago, most Americans would probably agree that he has been one of our better recent presidents.

I am disappointed in his conduct and it would anger me to discover that he broke laws to cover his tracks. He made a mistake and he's trying to admit to it.

None of us can even begin to understand what Clinton (not to mention his wife and daughter) are going through and maybe he deserves it.

I am not letting him off the hook, but he is the President of the United States and I am on his side.

### EDITORIAL POLICY:

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By JulieAnn  
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Food for thought from the University President

Dear Students:

On September 11, the University community celebrated the 35th anniversary of its foundation. That same day in 1963 saw the first classes held with 173 students and nine faculty members. As we begin this new academic year, we expect to have close to 5,600 students enrolled in degree-granting courses and 410 full- and part-time faculty members teaching.

Communities—academic, religious and others—are maintained in no small part by their abilities to remember and to dream. What should our community remember and dream about at the beginning of this new academic year? What might I ask you to think about for a few minutes as you read this column?

By way of remembering and dreaming, let me suggest the following thoughts.

When the first day of classes occurred here in 1963, something new was happening at this nascent university, but it was led by lay people, not by priests or nuns. The Catholic church was entering a new era in which it would involve members of its community in positions of leadership in ways that it had not done before. Sacred Heart was a pioneering institution of Catholic higher education, blazing a trail that others would follow in due course.

I realized the other day that Dr. William Conley, the first president of the university, did something that had not been done before when he assumed responsibility for leading this new university. Along with his wife and children, he embarked on a new path and was joined by other such people to bring this institution into existence. They were the first pioneers, and their story reminds us that we too can dream and make things happen.

Sacred Heart continues to be engaged in the process of envisioning its future and taking the steps to make it happen. What is

our dream, our vision for the university today and tomorrow?

Put simply, it is to provide every student the best learning experience we can create together. We are committed to (1) fostering student learning; (2) searching for truth; (3) developing and transmitting the Catholic Intellectual Tradition; (4) nurturing human and intellectual development; (5) serving larger communities; especially the poor; and (6) pursuing excellence in all our endeavors.



Anthony J. Cernera

Sacred Heart graduates ought to be capable of thinking critically, analyzing carefully, evaluating with a sense of justice and proportion, and conveying conclusions in an intelligible and articulate fashion.

They should, in addition, be knowledgeable of self, rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to social and civic obligations, and able to respond to an ever-changing world.

I would ask you to consider four suggestions as you pursue your studies this year. First, one of your primary tasks as students is to think deeply, critically and constructively. A large part of what this enterprise called learning is all about is thinking. Your professors are here to assist you in learning, and that means thinking more and more. May I suggest that the kind of thinking that you are invited to undertake is that which is deeply contemplative? A contemplative thinker is one who sees deeply into things and discerns the outlines of the possibility of what is new in our midst. Theologically, the contemplative thinker is one who is able to see and discern the wonderful things

that the Spirit of God is doing in our midst. Another task before you is that of learning what it is to understand.

But let me carry this one step further. Try to understand what it is to understand. As Bernard Lonergan said: "Thoroughly understand what it is to understand, and not only will you understand the broad lines of all there is to be understood but also you will possess a fixed base, an invariant pattern, opening upon all further developments of understanding."

Second, cherish one another. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. Each of us is infinitely loved by God and precious to God. This is the fundamental truth about our being. It is perhaps the forgotten truth of our time and therefore needs to be rediscovered.

Once you have discovered it, learn to live by it and learn to genuinely care about one another. In so doing, you will find your true self, and happiness will follow.

Third, each of us has a specific and unique contribution to make during our lifetime. Learn to listen deeply to the quiet and gentle voice of God, who calls each of us to do great things in the building of God's kingdom. Every work of love, mercy, compassion and justice will be gathered up one day into the bounteous harvest of God's reign.

Fourth, remember the lesson that choices have consequences. You make choices everyday in the places you play and socialize, choices about what to do or not to do. Weigh those choices carefully because every choice has a consequence. You make and fashion yourself by the choices you make. My hope is that this academic year is one in which your learning will be greater than your expectations, and you will know yourself better because of the experience. God bless you.

Dr. Anthony J. Cernera  
Sacred Heart President

The SHU Voices

Was it necessary to release Clinton's video testimony?



Steven Roy  
Senior  
Holland, Mass.

"No. What happened, happened. I just wish I could have been there when he told Hillary. Now that, I wish they had a tape of."

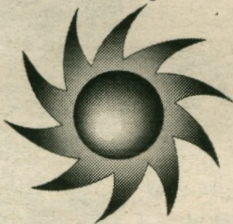
"Personally, no, because I have no interest in it. It's his own business."



Kelly Franklin  
Junior  
Colchester

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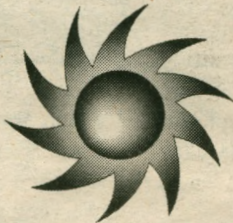
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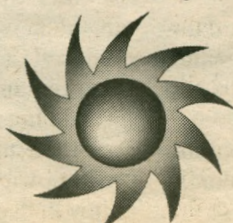
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Plenty of sunshine, cool and comfortable.

Saturday



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# FEATURES

## SHU serves hearty bowl of 'Chicken Soup'

By Earl Wright  
Contributing Writer

On Sept. 21, Sacred Heart opened its doors to one of the most eloquent and motivated individuals, James Malinchak.

Malinchak is a renowned business man, lecturer and author. He grew up in a small steel mill town near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the University of Hawaii with a business degree.

At the age of 28, he was a partner in his own Beverly Hills based firm and also a contributing author to the #1 New York Times Best Selling book series "Chicken Soup For The Soul." Malinchak is also the author of five books, including "From College To The Real World."

Until his appearance at SHU, many people may have never heard of James Malinchak or of his novels.

First impressions of Malinchak may be influenced by the statement "He's the 'Chicken Soup' guy." Many people may mistakenly think Malinchak is the author of a recipe book.

However, "Chicken Soup" is not a recipe book, but a motivational book filled with inspira-

tional stories everyone can relate to. This young speaker left his audience inspired, and truly impressed Monday evening as he delivered a magnificent presentation.

The Malinchak presentation was in the Sacred Heart University Center for the Performing Arts. The theater was hot and the atmosphere was filled with unrest, as the crowd waited for Malinchak. He was formally introduced and the stage was set.

After a few jokes to break the ice, Malinchak began his presentation. He opened with a heart-warming story of a young boy who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. The boy's one wish was to be a fireman.

His mother spoke to the fire chief and explained the situation. The little boy was made an honorary fireman for a day. A few days later the chief's generosity was again tested when asked to be by the young man's side as he lay on his death bed. Without hesitation, the chief consented.

According to Marsha Whyte, first-year student from the Bronx, N.Y., James portrayed the need for social outreach and the importance of social and family well-being. "He gave a really heart-warming presentation."



Above, author and speaker, James Malinchak, speaks to students at SHU.

Photo by Kerrie Darress

Similar remarks were made by other students like Anthony DiCerbo a first-year student from Long Island, N.Y. "I thought he was awesome," he said. "It was the best talk I ever heard!"

Heart-warming, lively, and expressive are only a few words that may describe Malinchak's presentation. His talk touched many "heart and soul" issues that affect our society, relationships and our individuality. Malinchak is very critical of the norms in society that dictate or overly influence our lives.

Worldly aspirations such as wealth, fame and stature, most times overshadow what's important and positive in life. According to Malinchak, to rid ourselves of these burdens we need to review our perceptions; our perception of ourselves, and our perception of our lives and what we can achieve from it.

His passionate presentation complimented his emotional stories in such a manner that one could easily visualize and connect. If there was anyone who didn't leave feeling a sense of

motivation, they left thinking, not only with their minds, but with their hearts.

James Malinchak is very articulate, charismatic and interesting. He makes his audience feel comfortable.

"If I leave any lasting impressions on anyone, I would want it to be to love your fellow man, because wouldn't the world be a better place if we all lived peacefully?" Malinchak questioned rhetorically.

Malinchak served a hearty bowl of "Chicken Soup."

## Students need to maintain personal identity

By Keysha Whitaker  
Features Editor

Identity is very important. Who we are, and how we view ourselves and the world around us shapes every interaction we have.

It is a necessary component of life to feel as though one belongs to something. Individuals may often be possessive of their personal space. This may stem from our innate animal nature, our natural territorial instincts.

For example, a student may feel threatened, when after sitting in the same seat for weeks, he comes to class and finds that seat occupied. Something as trivial as having a specific classroom seat is all part of identity.

For some students, especially of the first year, college may be quite an unnerving time. It may be their first time away from home, and they are not sure what to expect. They may want to step forward and take part in activities, but aren't sure whether they will be accepted by others.

"When students come to college they are in a new environment with new people, and sometimes they feel they have to change in order to fit in," explained



Friendship is an important part of college life

Photo by Kerrie Darress

Jocelyn Novella, personal counselor at Sacred Heart.

When looking for activities to become a part of, individuals usually seek out clubs and organizations which have mission statements and causes similar to their own values and interests.

Still many students, fearful of not being accepted, may be reluctant to participate, or for the same reason, may be eager to participate in everything.

Unfortunately some students may have changed their entire outlook, due to peer pressure.

"If you're a completely different person from who you were

at home, you should look and decide which one is really you and why you're changing," observed Novella.

Whether looking to join a club, pledge a sorority or fraternity, or just looking for some new friends, here are some helpful tips.

Tip #1 :

Do participate.

Students should not be afraid to interact with students of different ethnic, cultural, racial, religious, or economic backgrounds. Interaction is healthy, and allows each party to grow through the exchange of ideas and feelings. By interacting with others, your

individuality will become stronger.

Tip #2

Mom and Dad are right.

Every individual was raised with values, morals, and beliefs specific to his or her own culture. It may be wise for an individual never to forget their roots. Some people may view family traditions as boring formalities, but others may view them as strict regiments never to be ignored. Family background is a part of your identity.

Tip #3

You are more than you think you are.

Personal interest, thoughts,

and ideas, compose part of the soul of an individual. No one else can perceive the way you do. Any friendship, club or organization, which does not allow you to share your thoughts and opinions freely, without fear, is detrimental to your identity.

Hint #4

Remind yourself of yourself.

Every night before going to bed, think of three things that make you unique.

Any friend, club or organization which makes you feel ashamed of any of your qualities will harm your identity.

Hint #5

"I'm rubber, you're glue,"

Never let anyone make you feel inadequate or inferior.

Do not try to change yourself to fit in with any group or please anyone. Often people may admire qualities in you that they do not possess.

Sadly, they may say or do things to try to make you feel like you're lacking. When this happens, repeat that famous childhood phrase, 'I'm rubber, you're glue. Whatever you say, bounces off me and sticks to you.'

Jocelyn Novella offered this advice to all students.

"We all grow and change every day, but we need to hold on to who we are deep down."



# Students are running to rush

By Colleen McDermott  
Contributing Writer

It's time for Greek Life at Sacred Heart University to open its doors to new students. Rush Week began on Sept. 21.

Each fall and spring, Greek Life holds Rush Week, beginning with information sessions, about all the fraternities and sororities, and interviews.

Students wishing to join a sorority or fraternity at Sacred Heart are welcome to be a part of Rush Week.

A male student can choose to join one of the three fraternities, while women students have a choice of four sororities.

Usually students research the fraternity or sorority to decide which is right for them.

Bidding occurs to allow the

Greek organizations to actively recruit new members.

Any student may be a candidate for open bidding, but the Greeks prefer to bid for freshmen.

***"It seems like a fun thing to do, but I'm not sure which sorority I want to join yet"***

"During bidding, we recruit people who want to join if less than ten people have pledged," said Laura Christy, president of Beta Delta Phi.

This sorority's cause is breast cancer awareness and they have no limit to the amount of girls they

will take.

Though Rush Week draws a lot of attention to Greek Life, it is not the most prominent organization on campus.

"Only about 9 or 10% of this campus is involved," said Eddie Mariconda, vice president of Greek Life and a member of Omega Phi Kappa.

"This is the best time of college. I strongly encourage people to join. It's like a second family," added Mariconda.

With all the publicity, will many freshmen run to rush?

"It seems like a fun thing to do, but I'm not sure which sorority I want to join yet," said Agnus Dolega, first year student.

Any student can check out what Greek Life is all about.

If you missed the Greeks this week, they may come looking for you on Sept. 28.

## Nature provides unique entertainment for students

By Bob Bulkley  
Contributing Writer

All students may find college life boring at times.

One solution is for students to become involved in the events occurring in surrounding communities.

Hiking is very popular, and there are many trails open to the public in nearby towns.

This may be a treat for students who enjoy fall foliage and nature.

The town of Weston's 1,746 acre Devil's Den Preserve has hiking trails which are open this time of the year.

Michael Corcoran of Glastonbury led an early morning bird watching hike Saturday Sept. 19, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the preserve.

Corcoran is a member of several bird associations. A bird bander for the Connecticut National Audobon Museum, he is knowledgeable about different species and their behaviors.

Corcoran will emphasize fall bird migrations during the hike at Devi's Den Preserve. Participants of the hike must be at least 10 years old.

Binoculars are also recommended. For info call the Den's office at (203) 226-4911, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for registration.

Naturalist, author, and broadcaster "Wildman" Steve Brill will be leading a hands on ecology tour of private woodlands in Redding on Sun. Sep. 27.

Brill will teach participants about the environment and its many overlooked renewable resources, such as various edible plants and mushrooms.

"Autumn is a great time for wild food. Woodlands provide more delicious nutrient packed organic produce than any supermarket or health food store," Brill said.

The four to five hour tours of Redding's private woodlands begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Branchville railroad station. (Route 7 and Route 102).

The suggested donation is \$10 for adults, five for children. Call (203) 544-9622 or (718) 291-6825 by Saturday afternoon to reserve a place.

There are many options for adventurous activities.

Contact a local airport to see who offers small Cessna plane flyovers to view the fall foliage up-close and personal, or attend a county fair.

There are many options available for students to enjoy locally. Many of these activities may be offered for little or no cost.

Students can choose to stay at home and watch the Nature Channel, or commune with nature itself.



Two members of the sorority Delta Phi Kappa, prepare for Rush Week. Photo by Kerrie Darress

## CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

### Rush Party

Friday, Sept. 25, at 9 p.m. there will be a Rush party in the Dining Hall. The party is sponsored by Greek Life.

### Trip to New York Yankees

Saturday, Sept. 26, SET will sponsor a trip to see the New York Yankees play. Tickets are on sale for \$10 in the Student Activities office. Price includes transportation and ticket.

### Mass of Healing and Hope

On Monday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a mass of healing and hope. The mass will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 429 Huntington Rd., Bpt, with Father Larry Carew.

### Ethics and health care discussion

On Thursday, Oct. 1, 1998, there will be an evening of reflection and discussion on "Ethics and Health Care: A guide for the Catholic Practitioner." The discussion will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the faculty lounge, with guest speaker Fr. Mike Hinkley, Director of Medical Ethics Education for the Diocese of Hartford.

### Flea Market

On Sunday, Sept. 27, there will be a flea market sponsored by the class of 1999. The flea market will be held in the North Lot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Compiled by Keysha Whitaker

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# "Simon Birch" is potential Oscar bait

By Dawn Ambrose  
A&E Editor

The spellbinding story of an adolescent dwarf was recently depicted in Director/Screenwriter Mark Steven Johnson's latest film "Simon Birch."

"Birch" is based on John Irving's novel, "A Prayer for Owen Meany." Critics seem to agree that the film did not do complete justice to the book.

Fortunately the movie has "story-telling flair" which carries the movie through a couple of awkward stretches.

Stunning performances were turned in by Ian Michael Smith who plays the title role, Joseph Mazzello ("Jurassic Park"), stars as Simon's best friend and Ashley Judd ("Kiss the Girls") gives a piercing performance as Mazzello's mother. A well picked supporting cast, featuring Oliver Platt and David Statharin also helps make the film enjoyable.

The film is narrated by Jim Carrey (a grown up Mazzello) and he tells the touching tale. The plot has its twists and turns, but for the most part Simon ponders the weighty issues of God, destiny and heroism, while Mazzello searches for his biological father.

Since the film is based on Irving's dark humor, the film undergoes disturbing scenes dealing with



Ashley Judd and Ian Michael Smith star in Mark Steven Johnson's "Simon Birch," a film version of "A Prayer for Owen Meany."

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Critic  
Steven  
Farber of  
"Movieline"  
magazine

stated that Mazzello performance, "Tears your heart out without ever begging for sympathy."

Faber also said, "it's flourishing because it revives irreverent, unpredictable storytelling-the most precious commodity in the era of cookie-cutter movies."

I whole heartedly agree with the critique that Faber has made. His thoughts and comments on the film are far better put in his words than mine.

For all the movie buffs out there I would have to say that this movie is a combination of splendid emotions felt in "Searching for Bobby Fisher" and the black humor contained in "Swimming with the Sharks."

Overall the movie is definitely one that should not be missed it contains all the originality "The Truman Show" captured.

To say the least, the film will be a heavy contender in this year's Oscars.

## Scagnetti returns to SHU

By Matt Flood  
Contributing  
Writer

For all of you that were too busy studying hard (or hardly studying) last Wednesday night, you missed an incredible show down in the Outpost. Local ska-core favorites Sgt. Scagnetti and Massachusetts pop-ska darlings Big Lick played out for a crowd of 60 people.

Scagnetti, sounding somewhat like what would happen if you mixed Mr. Bungle (Faith No

More front man Mike Patton's side project) with the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, debuted a few songs as well as their usual barrage of ditties about dysfunctional families, necrophilia, cannibalism, and of course, smoking crack.

In their fourth trip to SHU, Scagnetti once again received their usual chaotic response from the crowd as skanking, moshing,



"A Message to You Rudi," Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird," and AC-DC's "You Shook Me All Night Long."

The only denied request was by junior D-Wayne Davis, whose cry for Depeche Mode was answered only by the lead singer hushing the crowd and muttering, "Enjoy the silence."

Big Lick was also warmly received by the small crowd that not only stayed until the end but kept dancing until the music stopped. Many

kids joined in on the impromptu "can you top this?" section of the show that included someone surfing on the A/V cart, the limbo, attempted break dancing and some stunning displays of air guitar.

Generally a good time was had by all. The S.E.T. band committee has lots more concerts this year, so take a chance and come one down. It is free as always.

break dancing and general insanity ensued (no toilet paper this time, d'oh!).

Big Lick (somewhere in the Reel Big Fish meets Blink 182 area of things) played a dozen or so originals then went on to cover just about everything they could remember the words to.

Covers included Jimi Hendrix's "Foxy Lady," Van Halen's "Animal," The Specials'

## Concert Clue In

When: Sept. 25 (8:00p.m.)

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When: Oct 1

Where: Globe Theater

Who: Soulfly w/ opening act Snot

Tickets: (203) 852-0088

When: Oct. 3

Where: Meadow's Theater

Who: RADIO 104.1 BIG DAY OFF - 20 Bands: Fuel, Cracker, Shawn Mullin, Days of the New, Better than Ezra, Guster, God Lives Underwater, and 2 Skinnee J's

When: Oct. 5 (7:30p.m.)

Where: Toad's Place

Who: 2 Skinnee J's

Tickets: \$10

When: Oct. 6 (8:30p.m.)

Where: Toad's Place

Who: DJ Spooky-RAVE NIGHT

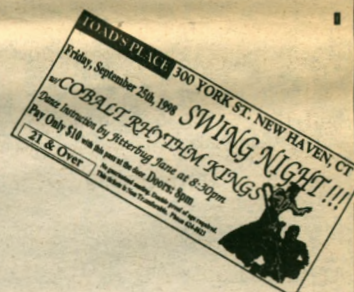
Tickets: \$10

When: Oct. 9 (8:00p.m.)

Where: Toad's Place

Who: Marshall Tucker Band

Tickets: \$20



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# Spin this... this is Godsmack

By Dawn Ambrose  
A&E Editor

This is a weekly music review to help the average college student decipher between the one hit wonder bands (Vanilla Ice) and the destined to be a legend bands (Pink Floyd), without putting a dent in your wallet. Some interesting background information on the independent bands will also be coming your way.

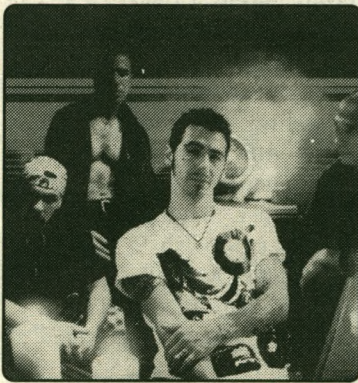
This week's featured artist is "Godsmack," a new punk/metal band. The Boston based band, consisting of four members Sully Erna (vocals), Tony Rombolo (guitar), Robbie Merrill (bass), and Tommy Stewart (drums), has been recording since 1995.

"Godsmack" first aired on a local radio station, WAAF, and their self-released album was re-tailed at local music chain, Newbury Comics.

The band drew the attention of Paul Geary (drummer and manager of the group "Extreme") and signed with PDG. With consistent airplay and the disc selling in the #2 spot at Newbury Comics, the group was soon signed to a larger label, Republic Records in July of 1998.

The band sounds like "Soundgarden" or a not so hard core "Metallica." What does this mean? They swear and rock with a harsh tone, however, not only can you understand the lyrics, they also hold some meaning as well.

The album is worth listening



From left to Right:  
Robbie, Tony, Sully and Tommy

to if you are one of those people who likes to listen to aggressive music to help deal with their daily pressures. The band's most recently released single is called "Whatever." Other songs to listen to include: "Voodoo," "Timebomb," and "Immune."

## Blockbuster Buzz

By Dawn Ambrose  
A&E Editor

With releases in comedy, drama, action and suspense this week's new releases seem well rounded. None of the releases were number one in the box office, but might worth the three bucks to rent it at a local video store.

This weeks must see movie is the suspense film "Nightwatch", starring trainspotter Ewan McGregor, Patricia Arquette, Josh Brolin, and Nick Nolte. McGregor is a full time college student and takes a part-time job working the night shift in the town

morgue. Little does McGregor know that he is taking more then just a well paying job, he also made himself the perfect piece to a serial killer's puzzle.

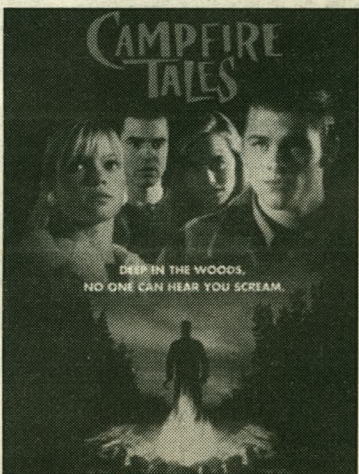
Other Sept. 22 releases include:

"My Giant"-Comedy (PG)  
Billy Crystal, Kathleen Quinlan, Gheorghe Mureasan

"Campfire Tales"-Suspense (R)  
Jay Ferguson, Christine Taylor

"Ride"-Comedy (R)  
Malik Yoba, John Witherspoon

"The Player's Club"-Comedy (R)  
Ice Cube, Jamie Foxx  
\*from the producers of "Friday"



See all the terror in "Campfire Tales"

"Dangerous Beauty"-Drama (R)  
Catherine McCormack, Rufus Sewell, Oliver Platt

"Black Thunder"-Action (R)  
Michael Dudikoff, Richard Norton

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# Runners are taking strides

By Emily Greenough  
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart's cross country teams started slowly at their first meet, but rebounded for the second.

Last Saturday, at the Fordham University Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, their performance improved. The women placed second overall, and the men finished sixth.

"The women bounced back nicely from a poor overall team performance at Wagner last weekend," said Coach Christian Morrison. "Now that they've righted the ship, I'm sure they're going to have a great season."

Along with the women's success, Morrison is quite opti-

mistic about the future of the men. The top five men have already improved their total time by 3:47 since last year's Fordham Invite.

"Our men's team is improved over last year from top to bottom, and Ciparelli is probably one of the better freshmen in New England," says Morrison. "Last

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year's top two, [Rick] Janocko and [Chris] Eaton, are struggling with injuries right now, but when they get healthy — look out!"

The top seven finishers for the Sacred Heart women on the 3.1-mile course were as follows: sophomore Heather Stockton (2<sup>nd</sup>), junior Michelle Wesolowski (5<sup>th</sup>), freshman Kimberly Almeida (6<sup>th</sup>),

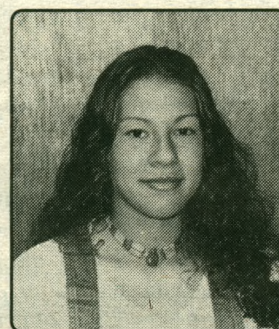
sophomore Danielle Revell (12<sup>th</sup>), junior Jennifer McGovern (13<sup>th</sup>), freshman Sara Doyle (24<sup>th</sup>), and freshman Shandra Fraser (26<sup>th</sup>).

Finishing on top for the men were freshman Christopher Ciparelli (31<sup>st</sup>), junior Brian Williams (40<sup>th</sup>), sophomore Greg Kyrytschenko (42<sup>nd</sup>), sophomore Christopher Eaton (48<sup>th</sup>), freshman John Morash (57<sup>th</sup>), freshman Daniel Morrell (61<sup>st</sup>), and junior Richard Janocko (76<sup>th</sup>).

The men currently stand at 21-7, and women at 25-2, which points to an optimistic future for both teams once SHU fully becomes a Division I school next fall.

This Friday, both teams compete in the Connecticut Intercollegiate meet at Quinnipiac College.

## SHU STARS



Elena Rosero  
Women's Soccer

The sophomore forward from East Meadow, N.Y., scored three points in two games last week. Her two goals against UMass Lowell propelled SHU to a 3-1 win.

## Cook to be honored

By Matt Duda  
Sports Editor

On Oct. 5, Sacred Heart University athletic director C. Donald Cook will receive the 1998 Jostens/ECAC Man Administrator of the Year Award at the Easter Collegiate Athletic Conference Fall Convention Awards Luncheon.

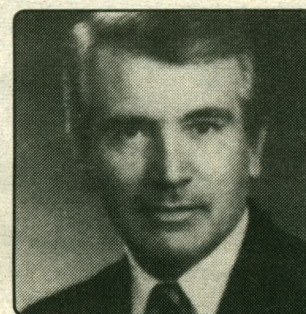
The award is presented to a male administrator from an ECAC member school in recognition of outstanding or valuable service to the ECAC.

Cook has served Sacred Heart as athletic director for the last six years. Overall, he has 27 years experience at the position. He served at the University of Hartford for six years and at

Fairfield University, his alma mater for 15.

All three schools achieved success during Cook's tenure. He currently oversees Sacred Heart's 33 athletic teams and their transi-

tion from Division II to Division I's Northeast Conference.



C. Donald Cook

Cook also served as president of the ECAC in 1992, and as chair of that

organization's Eligibility Committee in 1984-85. For 15 years, he chaired the ECAC Division I Baseball Tournament.

Cook is married to former Broadway actress Patty Hemenway and has two sons.

## Sports Schedule Sept 24-30

### FRIDAY

(W) Tennis @  
Quinnipiac Tournament,  
TBA

Field Hockey @ UMass  
Lowell, 4 p.m.

(M) Soccer @ Albany  
State, 4:30 p.m.

Cross Country @  
Connecticut  
Intercollegiate Cross

Country Championships,  
Quinnipiac College, 4p.m

### SATURDAY

Football vs. Iona,  
1 p.m.

(W) Tennis @ Quinnipiac  
Tournament, TBA

(W) Soccer @ Albany  
State, 2 p.m.

### MONDAY

(W) Soccer @ New  
Haven, 3:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY

(M) Soccer vs.  
Quinnipiac, 3:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

(W) Tennis vs. Dowling,  
3:30 p.m.

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# Sacred Heart athletes reach out to Fairfield youth

By Frances Moore  
Contributing Writer

Throughout this school year, children from Holy Family Middle School in Fairfield have the opportunity to attend weekly athletic clinics at the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center.

This fall starts the first in a three-part series of athletic clinics

for the children. Each session will be run by a member of Sacred Heart University's coaching staff.

Colleen Adams, president of the Home School Association at Holy Family, came up with the idea earlier this year. "We do not have a gym facility," she explained. "Before this, they had gym class on the black top."

Adams contacted Gary Reho, director of health and recreation

for Sacred Heart. They organized the program together.

Holy Family pays part of the fee, which includes the bus ride to the university, access to Pitt Center facilities, and instructional coaching.

The children each pay an additional \$50. "I hope that it will provide the children with quality coaching for a minimal cost," said Reho.

Adams faced a few obstacles along the way. Nothing like this had been done before at the school, and the principal was concerned that the children would lose class time.

"So far, time has not been a

problem. It has worked out beautifully," Adams said.

Women's soccer coach Jen Fallon will be running the first 10-week session of soccer clinics.

The clinics are held ever Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the sixth through eight grades.

The second part of the program includes a 10-week basketball clinic run by SHU's basketball coaches. Reho hopes to add a third session in the spring offering softball and tennis.

The purpose of the program is to, "establish a relationship with the university and the community," said Reho.

Approximately 45 children attend the weekly clinics. Student-athletes are asked to donate their time to help instruct the children. Amy Macauley, a member of the women's soccer team and a volunteer for the program said, "As an education major, it's a great opportunity to work with children."

Adams thinks the experience should help the children develop mentally as well as athletically. "I have a daughter in middle school. This is the point in their lives where they need some extra opportunities, especially with all the negative influences out there," she said.

## SHU Scoreboard

\* Bold scores indicate victories

Football  
SHU, 8 **Wagner, 40**

(W) Soccer  
SHU, 6 **Pace, 0**  
SHU, 3 **UMass Lowell, 1**

(M) Soccer  
SHU, 0 **UMass Lowell, 1**

Field Hockey  
SHU, 1 **East Stroudsburg, 0**  
SHU, 0 **Assumption, 2**

(W) Tennis  
SHU, 1 **Iona, 8**

### NECC honors Guarneri

The New England Collegiate Conference named Sacred Heart soccer goalkeeper its Defensive Player of the Week on Monday.

Carlin Guarneri, a sophomore from West Haven, has an impressive .919 save percentage this season. In her four games, she's allowed just three goals and earned shutouts for the 2-1-1 Pioneers.

### Men's golf places sixth in tournament

Sacred Heart's men's golf team placed sixth at the Franklin Pierce Invitational in Jaffrey, N.H. last Thursday.

SHU competed with Franklin Pierce, Western New England, UMass Lowell, Worcester Polytech, and Franklin Pierce.

The team finished with a score of 385. Paul Adimando shot the lowest for the Pioneers with a 91. Mike Rooney followed with a 92. Brad Dean scored a 99, and Mike Guzzardo finished with 103.

Compiled by Matt Duda

## Tennis off to a tourney

By Christian Koskorelos  
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart's men's tennis team will travel to Vassal College to play in the East Coast Athletic Conference tournament on Oct. 2 and Oct. 3 with a new attitude and a new outlook.

The ECAC's showcase the best teams in the east. Sacred Heart expects to face many new teams at the tournament due to the school's transition to Division I.

The team looks forward to building on last year's success. In May, the NCAA ranked the team 24th in the East, the first ranking the team has ever earned.

"It's a good feeling that the team accomplished something last year and it's a good building block for the season ahead,"

sophomore standout Nick Asaro said.

All members from last year's team are returning. The program also received a boost with the transfer of sophomore Jeff Bricker from Denison University, a solid nationally ranked Division III school.

"(The) ECAC's are going to be instrumental, and it will set us up for our spring season," said senior captain Tony Cabana. "Hopefully we will come out of this tournament with a lot of positives."

Cabana, who boasted a 9-2 record last year, feels they are ready and playing terrifically. "This team is for real, and we feel confident this year turning to Division I," he said. "It's going to be a good event."

The tournament is part of SHU's preseason. The Pioneers hit the courts in the spring.

## Iona:SHU to face Gaels Saturday at campus field

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running back Brandon Graham rushed 16 times for 62 yards.

In addition to Monaco's field goal, senior Dennis Wuestkamp hit a 35-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

The Pioneers host Iona Saturday at 1 p.m. at Campus Field.

Iona comes into the game with a 1-1 record, including a September 12 loss to Fairfield. Radulski says that the Gaels have a lot in common with SHU.

"They're like us, a building football program. We're excited about playing them. It takes a while to bounce back, but we'll come back."

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## Youngsters lead field hockey

By Christian Koskorelos  
Staff Writer

Sacred Heart's field hockey team is making a statement this year despite their loss of players from last season.

Only juniors, sophomores, and freshmen will take the field this year, no seniors.

Even though the team lost two-time All-American Deirdre Hynes to graduation, the players remain optimistic.

"Our goal is to possibly win the NEC that we are in," goalkeeper Ginny Capicchioni said.

This past week, SHU pulled

out a 1-0 win over East Stroudsburg, but fell 2-0 to Assumption.

Capicchioni made ten saves and Lauren Wiggins fired in the lone goal of the contest off Chrissy Stevens' assist.

"We worked as a unit,"

### FIELD HOCKEY

Capicchioni said afterwards. "We were aggressive."

"Communication was brought up a step from previous

games," junior Diane Leber added.

Last Saturday, the team traveled to Assumption college and suffered a tough loss.

SHU managed 12 shots, but none of them found the net.

"We didn't have a good game altogether," said Capicchioni. SHU fell to 2-4 with the loss.

On Oct. 2, the Pioneers travel to New Jersey to face Monmouth, a Division I member of the Northeast Conference. The team looks forward to the challenge.

"Since they are a grass team, I think we will do well because we have been practicing on grass for the past two weeks," Leber said.



*Athletes open arms to middle school*

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# SPORTS

*Cross Country runs through Fordam*

*See page 10*

## Freshmen provide scoring power for Pioneers

**By Gabriel Bonanni**  
Staff Writer

The overcast sky loomed over Campus Field last Wednesday, threatening to rain upon the women's soccer team. But the ladies managed to end their scoring drought against Pace with the help of some first-year phenoms.

The Lady Pioneer's played to a scoreless tie to open the season against Division I inductees Quinnipiac, and then lost by a goal to Siena on the first weekend of September. After more than a week without play, the team anxiously awaited their first win.

Second-year head coach Jen Fallon had hoped for a strong performance from her newcomers.

"We've got a strong freshman class," Fallon said. "We're now starting four freshmen."

Fallon was referring to the fresh legs of her eight new players.

Fallon says that Kristen Walker, a newcomer to SHU's front line, should provide much needed goal scoring.

Ten minutes later, Majeski fed Walker for the team's second goal. The Pioneers took that lead



Junior forward Michelle Majeski works toward the goal against Pace.

Photo by Gabriel Bonanni

into half-time.

Just ten minutes into the second half, Mercado intercepted the ball from a Pace de-

fender and slammed the ball past replacement goalie Annie McGuire for her first collegiate score.

Denise Eisenberger, Elena Rosero, and Meghan Langevin also scored in the half, giving SHU a convincing 6-0 win. SHU

Goalkeeper Carlin Guarneri didn't face a single shot.

The Pioneer's were satisfied with their first win of the year. "I felt today was the first day we played as a team," said Mercado. We communicated and played an improved game, improving our outcome."

The coach of Pace's inaugural Lady Setter's soccer team, Mike Winn, complimented their spoilers.

"Sacred Heart is doing really well," he said. "We're just starting out. We hope to meet them again in Division I."

The pumped up Pioneers took their flaming feet to UMass Lowell on Saturday for their first New England Collegiate Conference match-up.

Freshman Linda Ferencko scored her first collegiate goal of the year in the first half.

Rosero scored two goals in the game, one off a corner kick to break a 1-1 tie, and another off a cross from Majeski.

"I knew we didn't want to lose," said Rosero. "We weren't going to let ourselves down."

The Pioneers improved their record to 2-1-1.

They finish the month with games against Marist, Albany, and New Haven before returning home.

## Seahawks soar past Pioneers, Iona visits next

**By Matt Duda**  
Sports Editor

For about 15 minutes last Saturday, it looked as if Sacred Heart's football team wouldn't give Wagner an easy win as expected.

SHU's special teams recovered a fumbled Wagner punt, the

defense pinned the Seahawks on their own goal line, and the offense moved the ball better than it ever had this season.

Unfortunately for the Pioneers, games last for 60 minutes. Wagner controlled the majority of that time and ran off with a 40-8 win in front of a Pioneer Weekend crowd of 1,483 at Campus Field.

The loss drops SHU's record

to 0-3 this season. The Pioneers have not won a game since beating Assumption 27-0 on Sept. 27 of last year.

"It was almost like our St.

### FOOTBALL

John's game," said SHU head coach Tom Radulski. "That's one of the things we need to work on, playing 60 minutes as opposed to 30 minutes."

The second quarter opened with Sacred Heart down 13-0 and punting from its own 35-yard line. Wagner fumbled the return and SHU recovered on the Seahawks' 17-yard line. Four plays later, SHU fumbled and Wagner took over from its own goal line.

SHU's defense stuffed Wagner's attempt at a first down, leading to a safety after an errant snap on fourth down. The Pioneer's took over after the kick-off and drove 33 yards to set up Senior place kicker Lou Monaco's 41-yard field goal. The 13-5 margin was the closest SHU would come after that.

Two Wagner field goals before the half cut into the momentum that SHU had going. Then Wagner's all-conference running back Rick Sarille scored twice in the third quarter to put the game

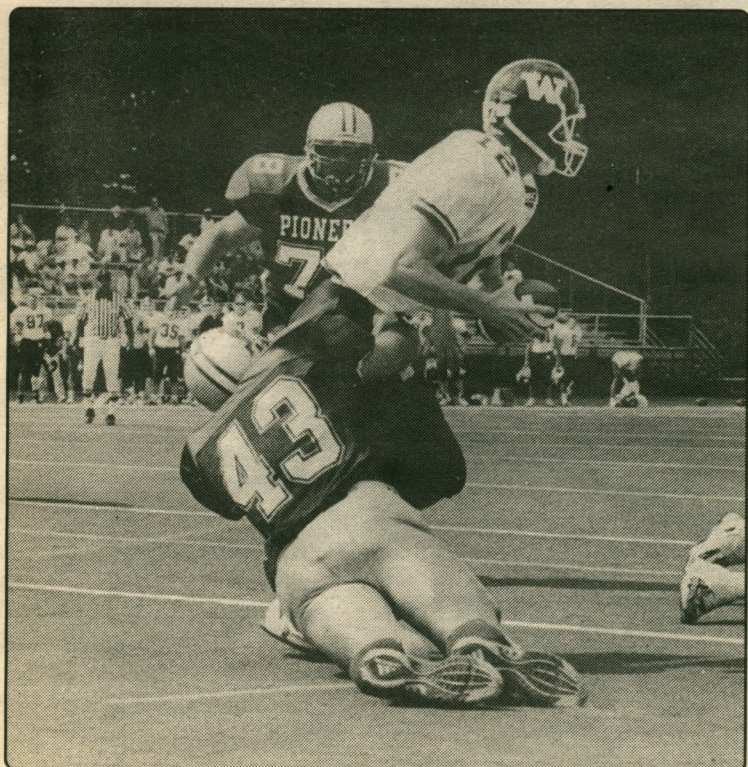
well out of reach. Sarille finished with 209 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Wagner's offense moved the ball a total of 432 yards.

Junior defensive end Mike thinks the Pioneers were taken lightly by Wagner early on. "I think we caught them by surprise in the first half," said Kuchar, who finished with eight tackles and one sack. "I don't think they were

ready to play us."

SHU's offense posted its best offensive output of the season, amassing 200 yards. Junior quarterback Chris Pettiti went 6-15 passing for 93 yards. Freshman

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#43 Jamel Keels drags down Wagner quarterback Jeff Skinner.

Photo by Kerrie Darress



Senior captain Greg Nota grabs onto Wagner's Rick Sarille.

Photo by Kerrie Darress